

## Meeting Notes

Eastern HS Programs Advisory Team

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6-7:30pm

Eastern High School

Facilitator:

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### Overview:

In order to provide foundation for the work ahead, this meeting began with an overview of the new DCPS Effective Schools Framework. The six elements of the Framework are the categories by which every DCPS school will be evaluated, therefore they should guide the planning process of any new or re-imagined school. In response to community request, the remainder of the meeting explored specific high school examples that could be models for developing the core values for Eastern.

### Notes:

Issue	Comments
<b>Effective Schools Framework Overview</b>	Six Elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Teaching &amp; Learning</li><li>2) Leadership</li><li>3) Job-Embedded Professional Development</li><li>4) Resources</li><li>5) Safe &amp; Effective Learning Environment</li><li>6) Family &amp; Community Engagement</li></ol>
<b>Where We Are</b>	<p>Core Values for Eastern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Rigorous Academics<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-- Prepare all students for college</li><li>-- Relevant experience in career preparation</li></ul></li><li>▪ Flexibility to adapt to needs of all students</li><li>▪ Core relationships between students and adults</li></ul> <p>Priorities expressed in 7<sup>th</sup> grade focus-group at Eliot-Hine:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Good teachers</li> <li>▪ Quality and variety of courses</li> <li>▪ Extracurricular activities</li> <li>▪ Schools should be safe and clean</li> </ul>
<b>High School Models</b>	<p>How do other schools build rigorous academics and a strong school culture (fostering adult-student relationships)?</p> <p><b>Models:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The SEED School, Washington DC – example for college focus and counseling, family engagement</li> <li>▪ Bell Multicultural HS, Washington DC – example for culture built around service learning, diversity</li> <li>▪ Bedford Academy, Brooklyn, NY – example for Family Groups, mentoring, teacher support</li> </ul>